

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the Specification because of the following informalities: page 4, line 35, "40" should have been "140." The Specification has been amended accordingly.

The Examiner has objected to claim 13, however claim 13 has been cancelled.

The Examiner has objected to claims 2, 3 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 113, ¶ 2, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Particularly, the Examiner objected to the "carried by" and "for carrying" language. In place, the Applicant has amended the claims to state that the elements are coupled together, instead of "carried." It is noted that this amendment is not intended to narrow the claims in any way.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5 and 9-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 4,319,678 to Hesler.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to recite two motors operating to move the cable, whereas Hesler incorporates only one motor, which is reversible. It is noted that the motor that is not operating to pull the cable in the present invention provides a drag on the cable, thereby minimizing the need for the cable tensioning device 150 of Hesler. As claimed, when said first motor is operating in said first direction, said second motor provides sufficient drag to keep the cable desirably taught. Hesler is incapable of this, as it has only one motor.

Further, in Hesler their drive unit and both of their drums are tied together so they lock together, and are thus not independent of one another, as recited in amended claim 1. The drums of the present invention are independent. Because the present invention uses two motors, one motor pulls cable while the other motor is shut off. The dead motor just runs backwards, providing the desirable drag on the cable.

Claim 1 is believed allowable, and such action is earnestly solicited.

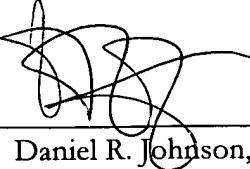
The remaining claims depend from Claim 1, and as such are likewise allowable.

The Examiner has rejected claims 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of US Patent 4,319,678 to Hesler alone.

Because claims 6-8 depend from allowable claim 1, they are likewise allowable.

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